

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2005. Claims 1-28 were pending in the Application prior to the Office Action. Claims 1, 16 and 17 are currently being amended. Claims 4-15 and 18-28 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the inventions therein. New claims 29-46 are being added. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 16-17 and 29-46 remain for the Examiner's consideration.

It was asserted in the Office Action that original claims 1-28 contained claims directed to four patentably distinct species. It was also asserted in the Office Action that none of the claims were generic. Applicants are electing to pursue Species I, which includes claims 1-3, 16 and 17.

Applicants have added new dependent claims 29-42, which depend (directly or indirectly) from independent system claim 1. Additionally, Applicants have added new dependent claims 43-46, which depend (directly or indirectly) from independent method claim 16. It is believed that claim 1 is generic for all of the system claims, and that claim 16 is generic for all of the method claims. Examination of the pending claims 1-3, 16-17 and 29-46 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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